

THE
CASE
OF

JAMES EDMUNDSON, *V*

One of the late *South-Sea* DIRECTORS,

MR. Edmundson was of the Committee of *Accounts*, and *House and Servants*, and of no other Committee, nor was he ever consulted or advis'd with, in forming or carrying on the late unhappy Scheme.

H E knew not nor heard of any Stock being taken in or held by the *Company* for the Benefit of any Person or Persons whatsoever, nor of the *Exceedings* on the *Loans* upon *Stock*, till after the Enquiry of PARLIAMENT; Nor of the Lending Money on *Subscriptions*, till after it was done, and was then very much Surpriz'd at it.

H E never heard that any of the *Stock* and *Subscriptions* pawn'd to the *Company* had been sold, till he saw it in the VOTES of the 18th of February last; Nor was he privy to any Orders given for buying *Stock* for the *Company*, and when the *Minutes* of *Treasury* giving an Account thereof were read, he Objected against their being Confirm'd, or made the *Act* of the Court.

H E had no hand in, or Benefit by the Additions to the *First* and *Second Money Subscriptions*, nor the Deficiencies in the *Third* and *Fourth*.

H E owns he agreed to the *Great Dividend*, depending upon the Veracity and Integrity of the Committee, (to whom that Matter was particularly referr'd) who reported to the Court, that the *Company* were able to make a *Dividend* of 30 per Cent. at Christmas, and to continue a *Dividend* of 50 per Cent. per Ann. for 15 Years after, but that they thought it more prudent then, to declare it only for twelve.

A N D being deluded and misled with the Generaliry of People at that Time, he was so unfortunate, as to buy in *Stock* at 990, 960, 935, and 800 per Cent. and has been necessitated since to sell out again a considerable part thereof, at under 170 per Cent. by which, and the present low Price of *Stock*, (instead of being enrich'd) he is almost ruin'd, which he apprehends is a convincing Argument that he was not in the Secret.

A N D forasmuch as he hath not been guilty of any of the said Fraudulent Contrivances, Ill Practices, or Breaches of Trust, mentioned in the *Bill* now depending, but is really one of the poor unhappy Sufferers; the small Fortune he has left being scarce sufficient to subsist Him and his Wife, and Four small Children. And having no other Prospect of repairing his unhappy Circumstances, but the hopes of getting into some publick Employment, or going Abroad,

both which he is debarred of as the bill now stands.

Therefore he humbly prays this Honourable House will be pleas'd to take his hard Case into their Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them in their great Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet.

